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## Annual VA Center for Women Veterans campaign highlights trailblazers

**WASHINGTON** — This year's Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Women Veteran's (CWV) 2021 Trailblazers: Women Veterans Leading the Way campaign celebrates the contributions of 27 women Veterans, representing all military branches, during and after their military service.

The campaign showcases the impact these trailblazers have made on a single event or action or demonstrated over time in the areas of education, employment, entrepreneurship, homelessness, law, mental health and wellness.

"The women Veteran trailblazer initiative highlights the experiences and contributions of women Veterans and shares their stories about how their military service and experiences led to their continued roles as leaders and advocates in the communities where they live and work," said Acting VA Director for the Center for Women Veterans Elizabeth Estabrooks. "Initiatives like this and other CWV campaigns are designed to showcase the unique contributions of women Veterans and help transform the culture of VA and the public by changing notions around what it means to be a Veteran."

Women Veterans are one of the fastest growing demographics within VA, expected to reach nearly 20% of the Veteran population by 2045. Few better exemplify the courage of American women in the fight for equality than those who have served this country in uniform even as they fought our nation's wars. Women have been defending our freedom in every conflict since the Revolutionary War.

Learn about the <u>2021 Women Veteran Trailblazers</u>, the <u>Trailblazers Initiative and Center for Women Veterans</u>. Follow CWV on Facebook and Twitter @VAWomenVets.

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